

TOWN LANDS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
9-5-06

Attendance: David Hackett, Bernice Kenney, Lee Overall, Jane Smith, Bob Waddle
Selectman: Katherine Chatterjee
Guests: Sugden & Sally Murphy, Eric Winter

The meeting was held at the Harpswell Historical Society Museum.

Old Business

Town Lands Directory – Lee is still making progress with directions and mileages.

Selectmen's Meeting – a discussion of what the Selectmen are looking for in our report

and what tentative dates are workable for all Committee members took place. It

seems that Oct 26 might be feasible, but absent Committee members must be

consulted before proposing a date to the Selectmen.

- our report should consist of our accomplishments and our goals for next 5 mos.

Discussions:

- Stewardship Applications – possibly the efficient method would be for the Committee to review applications and make recommendations to the Selectmen.
- Devil's Back – Jane showed us an aerial photo she was given by the Planning Off.
- Stover Point Landing – Jane will find out more about its status.
- Two Bush Island – (next to Elm Is.) Jane will find out if it is one of the Town's properties.
- Lookout Point Landing – David will monitor it from time to time to try to determine how many property owners of Upper & Lower Goose Is., White's and

Birch Islands use it frequently.

- Giant Stairs – guests expressed concerns

Sally & Sugden Murphy live near the Giant Stairs and expressed some concerns about the traffic. Some suggestions were offered by guests and Committee members:

- 1. A kiosk with a map to show where the paths are OR*
- 2. Another type of sign showing map & paths, asking that they stay on the paths (and*

perhaps the paths could have names and refer to those names OR

- 3. Arrows along paths to define paths.*

Eric Winter owns the house that formerly belonged to Capt. Sinnett. His suggestion was that

some sort of "gentle signage" be used to designate where the paths are near his property.

- *The McIntosh property is owned by the Harpswell Heritage Trust*
- *The Giant Stairs property is owned by the Town of Harpswell*
- *The Sinnett property was deeded to the Town in 1909 (received in 1910) after*

Capt. Sinnett gave a legal easement to the new house owner for its location, built in 1905.

The Committee agreed that the Selectmen should assign their concerns to an agenda and notify the Murphys and Mr Winter so that they may attend the meeting when their concerns are discussed.

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It was also suggested that Mr. Winter pursue a consent agreement from the Selectmen recognizing the easement. (Part of his house is on Town owned land).

The Murphys furnished seasonal and offseason addresses and telephone numbers as well as an e-mail address so that Kristi can contact them.

New Business

- Mowing – Kenney Landscaping mows certain properties –
Ask Kristi which certain properties?
Ask Kristi who mows Mackerel Cove property?
- Minutes of 8-1-06 – were accepted with a correction: refer to the Museum as

the Harpswell Historical Society Museum.

Next Meeting

It was suggested that the Committee meet again at the Harpswell Historical Society

Museum on Tues., Oct 3, 2006 at 7 PM.

NOTE; Because the Museum is not handicapped-accessible, we cannot hold our meetings there. We will be meeting on Oct 3 at 7 PM at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernice Kenney